

H.R. 1842 – The Expanding Entrepreneurship Act of 2009

Adds a new subsection (g) to the section 4 of the Small Business Act, as follows:

(1). Entrepreneurial Development Planning.

This requires the SBA to develop a plan and submit it to Congress for creating jobs through its entrepreneurial development programs. It shall include the agency's plan for drawing on existing programs, including Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, SCORE, Veterans' Business Outreach Centers, Native American Outreach, and other appropriate initiatives. The SBA shall also identify a strategy for each SBA Region to create or retain jobs through agency programs

(2) Data Collection Process

This provision requires that the SBA shall collect measures related to program performance and job creation.

(3) Coordination and Alignment of SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs.

This subsection requires that SBA coordinate the agency's Entrepreneurial Development office and program with State and local economic development agencies and other federal agencies as appropriate. The Administrator shall report annually to Congress, in consultation with other federal departments and agencies as appropriate, on opportunities to foster coordination, limit duplication, and improve program delivery for federal entrepreneurial development activities.

(4) Database of Entrepreneurial Development Service Providers.

This subsection establishes a database of providers of entrepreneurial development services and make this available via the SBA's website. This database shall be searchable on industry, geography, and service required.

(5) Community Specialist.

The Administrator shall designate not less than one staff member in each SBA District Office as a Community Specialist who has as their full-time responsibility working with local entrepreneurial development service providers to increase coordination with federal resources. The SBA shall establish benchmarks to evaluate this position's performance.

(6) Entrepreneurial Development Portal

The Administrator shall establish a web-based portal that provides comprehensive information on all of SBA's entrepreneurial development. This shall be available with one-click from the SBA's main website. This shall increase consumer-oriented webpages on the agency's website and focus on promoting access to business solutions, including

marketing, financing, and human resources planning; establish relevant web content aggregated by industry segment, stage of business development, level of need, and include referral links to appropriate agency services (financing, training and counseling, procurement assistance); and provide style guidelines and links for visitors to the SBA website to be able to comment-on and/or rate the materials in terms of their usefulness.

(7) Prohibition of Pilot Programs

This subsection prohibits the SBA from establishing an entrepreneurial development pilot program for a period of greater than three years.